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BATTLE OVER HOUSE OF LORDS

WHY RUSSIA IS BACKING PARTITION

Hopes To Obtain Four Advantages

Cambridge, Oct. 21.—Russia hopes to get four advantages from backing the partition for a Jewish state in Palestine, Mr. Edward Attiahy, the Secretary of the Arab Office in London, told Cambridge University Union tonight.

1. If the United Nations sent a volunteer police force to Palestine during the transition period, as had been suggested, there was nothing to prevent Russia sending 20 or 30 thousand "Red Army" troops there. This would give Russia an opportunity of pushing the thin end of a military wedge into the Middle East and as far as the Mediterranean.

2. Russia would like to see British and American interests in the Middle East jeopardized. "It would not give her to see the Western Powers embroiled in a conflict with the Arab world and she knows that the surest way of bringing this about is an attempt to partition Palestine and set up a Jewish state."

SPECIAL PROTEGE

3. Russia knows that if the partition were imposed and a Jewish and an Arab state were set up in Palestine, the Jewish state would in the nature of things be the special protegee of America and might have to rely upon American support for its very existence.

"Russia may not unreasonably hope that this state of things and the tension which would exist between the Jewish state and the Arab states surrounding it, would gradually force the Arabs to lean on her for support and seek their future in her orbit."

A report from Paris says that the French Government is in a dilemma over Palestine, according to an independent Paris paper, *Le Monde*, which frequently reflects the views of the French Foreign Office.

Commenting on yesterday's meeting of the United Nations Commission on Palestine, the newspaper said the French Government having the interests of both the Jews and Arabs at heart, believed that it could make no choice between them.

Britain too, wanted only to accept a solution to which both parties could agree. The Arabs would consider a vote which did not declare itself against the partition as a vote against them, and if France or Britain abstained from voting, other countries might do so. —Reuter.

Special ZBW Feature

A special feature programme entitled "The Time-Machine at Trafalgar" will be presented from ZBW in the Children's Half-Hour at 6 o'clock this evening.

Defence Of Kirin

Peiping, Oct. 21.—The Tien tsin edition of the Catholic newspaper *Social Welfare* reported today that radio contact with Kirin, 60 miles east of Changchun, had been broken off after General Chen Cheng sent orders to the defending government troops to fight to the last man.

The Tientsin Ta Kung Pao said Chinese Communists swept into the suburbs of Kirin on Sunday and fierce fighting raged throughout the night. Government planes bombed and strafed the Communists on Monday as the defenders counter-attacked. The paper said, and added, "a great number" of Communists were killed or wounded. —Associated Press.

TWO AIR CRASHES

Peruvian Jungle Disaster

Lima, Peru, Oct. 21.—Six people, including the head of the United States Air Force Mission in Peru, were feared today to have lost their lives when a DC-3 transport plane, belonging to the Mission, struck a mountainside in the Peruvian jungle.

The plane, which left Talara, on the Peruvian coast some 610 miles northwest of Lima for Iquitos, 570 miles to the east, (on the River Marañon, Upper Amazon), had been missing since October 10.

It was found today 50 yards from the summit of a mountain about 30 miles south-southwest of Iquitos, on the Marañon, and 250 miles east of Talara.

Experts who saw the remains of the plane considered there was no chance of any of the occupants being found alive.

Colonel J. R. Hawkins, head of the USAAF Mission in Peru, was piloting the plane. The other occupants were Lieutenant Colonels Frederick Dalaney and Harold Park, also of the USAAF, Major Juan Benavides Doriel, of the Medical Branch of the Peruvian Air Force, and Sergeant Jose Romero and Glen-Edward of the USAAF.

The United States Army Air Force Mission went to Peru to train men of the Peruvian Air Force under a four-year agreement signed in Washington on October 8. —Reuter.

SUNDERLAND DOWN

London, Oct. 21.—Her port engine afloat, a four-engined Royal Air Force Sunderland flying boat plummeted into the sea today two miles off the Thames estuary.

Seven men were rescued, but were suffering from severe burns. (Continued on Page 4)

REFORM OPENS

Shabby Political Deal Says Lord Salisbury

DEBATE ON KING'S SPEECH

London, Oct. 21.—The battle over the reform of the House of Lords was opened tonight and is expected to rage throughout this new session of Parliament.

The first shots were fired within a few hours of the Attlee Government having announced in the King's speech that the power of the Upper House to delay legislation will be cut. The proposed legislation to amend the present Parliament Act was designed to reduce from two years to one year the period of delay which the 840 peers in the House of Lords could impose on Government-introduced legislation.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, considered it wise to deal with this now to lessen the danger should future leadership of the Lords "pass into less responsible hands."

Almost as soon as the Upper House today began its first sitting of this session, Lord Salisbury, leader of the Conservative majority there, condemned the Government's step as a "shabby political deal".

To introduce such a bill at this time was surely a counsel of madness, he added.

Protesting in the House of Commons, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Conservative deputy leader and wartime Foreign Secretary, declared that there was neither justification nor an electoral mandate for the Government's plan to bring without the House of Lords when he opened the general debate in the House of Commons on the Government's new programme.

Where was the obstruction of the House of Lords which would justify the Government taking this step, he asked. What had happened during the recess to cause the

Government to throw over the views of their own spokesmen and colleagues in the Lords?

"The pursuit of purely partisan policies by the Government will not restore the nation's prosperity nor bring happiness to our people," he declared.

On the cuts in the Home Fleet, Mr. Eden said: "We shall have a fleet in Home waters smaller than the Peruvian Navy."

"The whole position," he said, "is one which must cause us the gravest concern. The nation cannot again afford the race against time which we had during the first years of the last war."

"The international situation," he declared, "was a sombre one—darkened almost everywhere since Parliament adjourned in August. In these conditions it was little wonder that the United Nations could contribute very little except

provide a platform for exchanges of the utmost violence in which Mr. Vyshinsky had been distinguished by the "unbridled violence of his language and the Minister of State, (Mr. Hector McNelly), by the courage and candour of his."

After referring to the setting up of the Commission for the Investigation of Communist activities against the Socialist parties in France and Italy and "the judicial murder" of the Bulgarian Opposition leader, M. Nikola Petkov, Mr. Eden said that the only course was for Britain to hold fast to her own faith in true democracy and a free way of life and fulfil her obligations under the international agreement which she had signed.

There is nothing to be gained by seeking to appease others by a compromise on essentials. "We shall only go all the faster down the slope that way."

Protestations Of Friendship

Mr. Eden declared that it really was impossible to accept the "protestations of friendship which Marshal Stalin, I understand, addressed recently to some Members of the House, when the Moscow Radio continued to blare without ceasing the torrents of vilification and abuse of the Governments and peoples who were so recently Allies of the Soviet Union on the common battlefield."

Criticising the Soviet Government's attitude, particularly regarding the Marshall plan, Mr. Eden declared: "With regard to the Communist activities in every land, we now know what to expect."

He also criticised Mr. Konni Zilliacus (a Labour critic of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin) and other Labour Members for "vilifying the plans of the British Government" at a Warsaw press conference.

Amid cheers, he said that there was a tradition among Members that when abroad they avoided criticising their own Government.

Referring to the position in India

and China, Mr. Eden said that in India whole populations were on the move. They were to be numbers in hundreds of thousands, perhaps in millions.

Scenes were being enacted of which no one had seen the like for 200 years, or perhaps ever.

Mr. Eden regarded the present rate at which Britain was expending the gold reserves of the sterling area as "a very grave matter."

"We appear to be losing gold at very much the same rate that we were losing dollars in August," he declared. He asked if the Government had any plans for extending the use of sterling in the non-dollar area as a medium for financing trade.

Recalling that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, had stated last year that there was no question of a unilateral surrender of imperial preferences without adequate compensation, Mr. Eden asked for an assurance that this was still the case.

"This was an issue, he said, which deeply stirred public opinion in Britain and elsewhere in the Commonwealth."

Mr. Clement Attlee announced that the Government intended to reduce from two years to one year the period of delay which the House of Lords could now impose, although he said that it would be improper to say now exactly what the proposals would be.

After admitting that the present leadership of the House of Lords had been "wise and statesmanlike," Mr. Attlee declared: "I think it is wise to deal with this before any serious matter has arisen, in order to lessen the danger which might arise should the leadership in the House of Lords pass into less responsible hands."

The Prime Minister said that there were a number of lords who did not intend to vote against the bill.

Why wait and have a bill thrown out, why wait to get a fire extinguisher until a fire had actually broken out, he asked.

When Mr. Attlee declared that "this is a wise precautionary measure," Mr. Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, interjected: "It is a deliberate act of social aggression" (Government laughter).

Proposals Will Do No Harm

Continuing, Mr. Attlee said "If, as I hope, the House of Lords are not inclined over again to exercise those menacing powers in order to render nugatory the decisions of the elected Chamber, then our proposals will do them no harm."

"We shall be taking away from them a weapon of which they have no intention of using. On the other hand, if they still have the intention to reassert those powers which have of late fallen into desuetude, then this bill will be both effective and timely."

"At the election we laid perfectly clearly before the electors that we would not allow the will of the electorate to be thwarted by the House of Lords, and I think that is ample justification for taking the precautions and not waiting until the trouble has actually arisen, and not waiting in fact until the trouble might have passed out of hand through the effluxion of time."

Dealing with foreign affairs, Mr. Attlee said: "We are greatly disturbed at the increasing tension in foreign affairs and at the attitude of the USSR representatives which is gravely imperilling the work that is being done in trying to build up the United Nations Organisation."

The Prime Minister said that the trade negotiations at Geneva had

been very prolonged and difficult, but that the Government had every hope that agreement would be reached between most, if not all, the 17 countries represented. He hoped the President of the Board of Trade would be able to make a statement in a few days.

Mr. Attlee said that there was no question of Britain abolishing the whole system of imperial preferences. "We have to maintain touch with our friends of the other Commonwealth countries, and at the same time throughout kept in mind a principal aim, mainly the need for the restoration of the equilibrium in our economic relations with the Western Hemisphere, particularly the United States, and we hope that we have secured greater access to markets, not only for the products from this country, but from the colonial Empire which is very important."

"They should result in valuable increase in the dollar earnings in the sterling area as a whole. So far from weakening the economic co-operation between the members of the Commonwealth, I think it will be found that the agreement and the prospect it holds out will make for further economic development and the strengthening of our ability to deal with the very serious crisis through which we are passing."

Announcing that there would be substantial reductions in the size of the armed forces in the next 18 months, Mr. Attlee emphasised that the reduction in the Home Fleet was only temporary.

He said that he did not know where the figures which had been quoted "came from". Mr. Churchill intervened to say that the Home Fleet would not be as big as the fleet Britain gave Russia during the war. If the figures of one cruiser and four destroyers for the Home Fleet were not true, they should be contradicted.

There was Opposition laughter when the Prime Minister said that he could not give the exact figures without notice, but it was wrong, he said, to suggest that there had been any sudden reduction in the Empire fleet.

The immobility during the re-arming of ships and personnel was a purely temporary matter. The armed forces, Mr. Attlee declared, were expected to number 937,000 by March next year, a reduction of 150,000 on the original forecast.

Recalling that the economic situation had become worse since Parliament adjourned in August, the Prime Minister announced that statements would be made in the next day or so. (Continued on Page 4)

Miners Fight Soldiers

Santiago, Chile, Oct. 21.—Dynamite was hurled by miners staging a sit-down strike in the Schwager coal mine in Southern Chile today at a detachment of 50 soldiers sent to get them out of the mine. Senor Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, President of Chile, stated tonight.

The troops withdrew, taking several prisoners. The miners were given an ultimatum to leave the mine by a certain hour and were told that if they did not, "military measures will be applied."

The Schwager and Lirguen pits were occupied today by sit-down strikers who had gone back to work only last week after a 12-day strike which cut power and transport in the country. The Government had ordered troops to be concentrated at both pits.

The sit-down strikers are demanding the withdrawal of the troops from the coalfield and the suspension of measures taken against the Communist leaders who were ordered to be sent to a settlement in the south of Chile. Everything was normal today in the Lota coal-mine, the biggest in Chile. —Reuter.

FUTURE OF HONGKONG

Governor Has No Knowledge Of High Level Talks

An official disclaimer of the report that high level talks are in progress concerning the future status of Hongkong was made this morning.

The report, a United Press despatch from Shanghai, quoted Lord Ammon, leader of the British Parliamentary Mission now visiting China, as declaring that "high level talks are progressing on the issue of Hongkong."

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, commenting on the report this morning stated:

"Evidently Lord Ammon has been misrepresented, for I have no knowledge of any talks on the issue of Hongkong."

Indians Draw First Match

Perth, Oct. 21.—The Indian cricket tourists, in their first match of the tour, drew with Western Australia.

On the concluding day, the ball was on top of the bat all day and 18 wickets fell for 202 runs.

Western Australia added five runs in losing four wickets.

Herbert, a googly bowler, in 45 minutes after lunch got out three Indian batsmen when the wicket was giving spin and help, and he broke the tourists' batting.

On a wicket taking spin, the batsmen found it easy to get out, although the wicket was not sticky.

The Indians attempted to force the pace after a slow opening, but good placing in the field blocked good strokes. No batsmen attempted to step out to the spin bowlers and Herbert was allowed to call the tune with success.

Western Australia wasted no fielder by faulty placing, whereas the Indians were guilty in this respect.

India can learn a great deal from this Australian tour, especially field placing, fielding and wicket-keeping. Kessey kept wicket well and had a hand in four wickets.

The Indian batsmen, without much practice, did not do too badly. They gave the impression of better results on harder wickets with a little more practice.

Mankad played aggressive cricket after a slow beginning, and except for a couple of cross bat shots, was sound. —Reuter.

Dr Evatt Lams Into Vyshinsky

Arch-Hypocrisy Of Soviet Criticism

Flushing Meadows, N.Y., Oct. 21.—The presence of Russian troops in Poland and Yugoslavia was brought up in the United Nations General Assembly today by Dr Herbert Evatt, Australia's Minister for External Affairs, in answer to the Soviet representative, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky's denunciation of the presence of British and American military personnel in Greece.

"I am not condemning what is a matter for arrangement between the governments concerned," Evidence on the Greek question had proved that trouble had been fomented outside Greece and the Assembly should send a commission to Greece to help the Greek people to find a place in the sun.

"It shows the arch-hypocrisy of the criticism against Britain and the United States for doing the very type of thing, on a much smaller scale, which goes on in these three countries," Dr Evatt said.

He added that Russia had agreements to supply Poland and Yugoslavia with arms and ammunition, and no doubt Czechoslovakia as well. It is a different thing when British and American military personnel are found in Greece, but at the same time Soviet military personnel are to be found in Poland and Yugoslavia.

Answering Mr. Vyshinsky's "vituperative" attack on the veracity of witnesses heard by the previous UNO Balkan Commission, Dr Evatt said: "With all this material before it, no court of justice would dare to say that we should substitute our opinion for the opinion of people who saw the witnesses."

A PROPER THING

He said that from the beginning to the end Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria had been supported by Russia, despite the findings of the Commission of Investigation and the Security Council.

"In my opinion," he added, "it is a proper thing that we should have a United Nations Commission to conciliate between the countries and report to us—and, if necessary, to hold a special session of the Assembly."

Dr Evatt submitted that no case had been made out for reversing the decision of the Political Committee to send a commission.

He asserted: "There has been no liberation of Greece. The Greek peoples' war effort entitled them to peace and liberty."

Dr Constantin Tsaldaris, Greek Foreign Minister, in accusing Greece's northern neighbours of working through a "Fifth Column" they have established within Greece, warned the Assembly that if the members did not vote to "sustain the principles of the Charter, the edifice of the United Nations would be undermined, will crumble and be discredited before the opinion of the world."

SUBTLE PERIL

Greece was in peril of being overwhelmed by force of arms in a new invasion, subtler than the Fascist and Nazi invasion, he alleged.

"This invasion aims directly at our independence and integrity. While you hear spokesmen for these countries protest their innocence, they are sending more and more arms and heavier and more effective military equipment across borders to be fired against our people."

"Each day, while we debate, men and women and children are being slaughtered with these arms," Dr Kuzma Kislov, Byelo-Russian Foreign Minister, accused Britain and America of constituting "a real threat to the independence and integrity of Greece."

M. Yvonne Debos, for France, said that the investigation commission would contribute to a peaceful solution of the Greek question and that "the least that can be done is to make an attempt in the spirit of loyalty, justice and goodwill."

The Assembly then adjourned at this stage. —Reuter.

Steamer Capsizes

Athens, Oct. 21.—Press dispatches from Patras reported today that the small cargo steamship, *Eleni*, capsized in a gale yesterday off Corfu, and three crewmen and one passenger were missing.

The dispatches said the rescuers, who are still searching for missing persons, picked up a 10-year-old boy and a member of the crew. —United Press.

EDITORIAL

The ILO Conference

THAT Hongkong will be represented at the International Labour Organisation's conference in New Delhi next week is a matter for satisfaction. With the growing awareness here of the necessity for new approaches to the question of employer-worker relationships, the Colony could hardly afford to be absent from such important deliberations which, among other things, will discuss the regulation of child and women labour. This has long been a sore subject with social reformers in Hongkong and they will be the first to welcome the ILO report which suggests regulation under four heads: (a) The admission of children and young persons to employment in different fields of economic activity, and the effective enforcement of necessary regulations, including the organisation of administrative services; (b) methods of maternity protection; (c) measures to promote general education and vocational training of women, and to open to them in an increasing measure occupations other than those involving physical strain; (d) measures for the protection of the health of women workers engaged in heavy work. While there has been steady improvement over the years in employment conditions

for women and children in Hongkong, the Colony is not wholly free of "sweat shops, and regulation of working hours only partially exists. On the subject of improved employment conditions for women and children in Hongkong delegates may expect to obtain some valuable data. Of equal interest will be the discussions on industrial relations and the possibilities and limitations of Co-operatives. These subjects have been given official recognition here during recent months by the proposed creation of new machinery for settling labour disputes and the passing of legislation for the control of Co-operatives. Both are embryonic movements each capable of receiving guidance from established authorities such as the International Labour Organisation. Important though the New Delhi conference is, it is not likely to go beyond the making of recommendations, for it is the full regional conference to be held in China next year that will consider the steps to be taken to raise the existing standards of employment. Nevertheless, Hongkong, with its special local labour conditions, should profit from the New Delhi discussions, even possibly to the extent of being able to anticipate some of the reforms which are certain to emerge from the 1948 conference.

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by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MINISTRY OF SELF-DEFENCE

Being
A BILL

To be presented before the House of Parliament in the Nest, to make provision to excuse and exonerate N. Gubbins, Esq., journalist, of the Nest, in the County of Surrey, from all organised Christmas festivities in the year 1946 and thereafter; and from the responsibility of providing a turkey, goose, duck (or ducks), or any other form of poultry, game or other foodstuffs known as Christmas cheer, within the meaning of the Bill, except that he will undertake to provide monies for the purchase of the said Christmas cheer by a third person.

BE it enacted by and with the advice and consent of the ladies temporal, though not so spiritual, in the present Parliament assembled in the Nest, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1 That it shall be lawful for N. Gubbins, Esq., journalist, in the County of Surrey, to abstain from all Christmas entertainments, festivities and whoopee by his own free will and judgment and without Recrimination.

2 That the said N. Gubbins, Esq., shall not be asked at the last moment to purchase, if available, in the open or black market, or by any other means come by, a turkey, goose or any other foodstuffs known hereinafter as Christmas cheer, as it is well known to the ladies temporal of the said Parliament of the Nest that the said N. Gubbins, Esq., is a Fool, who,

in the past, has not only been swindled by the licensed and unlicensed vendors of Christmas cheer, but by the vendors of all saleable commodities at all times in the year and at any time in his life.

It being well known also, not only to the ladies temporal, but to a large number of his Most Excellent Majesty's subjects in the County of Surrey, that the said N. Gubbins, Esq., lost six Christmas turkeys in trains, omnibuses, taxicabs, telephone boxes, and other public vehicles and places in the years 1942, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and 1936, and various other items of Christmas cheer in other years, he shall hereinafter be known as an Irresponsible Person unfit to negotiate, trade or make purchases in any market whatsoever.

3 That it shall be unlawful for the said N. Gubbins, Esq., to be coerced as a member of any Christmas shopping expedition, or as an escort to any such expedition, or detailed as a one-man fatigue party to any such expedition or expeditions.

It shall be unlawful also to expect him to

(a) Choose, select, have printed and post any Christmas card or cards to any person known as a friend or relative, unless of his own free will and judgment.

(b) Choose, select and purchase by divers means, and at great trouble and

expense, any present, reasonable gift or geegaw, to be wrapped, tied with string, card or fancy twine and posted to any person known as a friend or relative, unless of his own free will and judgment.

(c) It shall be lawful for him to present, or not to present, according to his own free will and judgment, such monies as he may deem advisable and within his means after deductions of income tax, to such persons in lieu of the said presents, reasonable gifts or geegaws.

4 In the event of an invitation or invitations being received to attend a Christmas party or parties it shall be lawful for the said N. Gubbins, Esq., to say Yea or Nay to any one or all of such invitations.

It shall be unlawful also, in the event of the verdict being Nay, for any member of the Parliament of the Nest to make any attempt to reverse the verdict by persuasion, cajolery or mockery—to wit, by describing the said N. Gubbins, Esq., as Spoil-sport, Scrooge, or Sour-puss.

It shall be understood and lawful for any member of the said Parliament to attend, or not to attend, according to her wishes and free will, any party or parties, without escort and without let or hindrance.

5 In the unusual event of the verdict being Yea the said N. Gubbins, Esq., shall have the right to leave the party in a courteous manner at any time he thinks fit for any reason whatsoever, and shall be legally supported in any lie, excuse or deception he may invent for that purpose.

American Dr Edgar Allen has just reported on 1,686 operations in which the drug was used. There were only two deaths.

Other doctors have gone further. They are using dicoumarin against a fast-increasing form of thrombosis which attacks middle-aged and elderly people who seem to be in perfect health.

It is caused by the sudden formation of a blood-clot in the tiny arteries which provide the muscles of the heart with the energy for its incessant work. These are the coronary arteries, and coronary thrombosis is the name of the disease.

If the clot hinders the blood flow to the heart muscles it causes great pain and breathlessness. If it plugs the vessels completely it kills.

Life-saving

According to Sir Maurice Cassidy, one of the King's physicians, coronary thrombosis is more than ten times more common than it was 20 years ago.

The cause of this increase is unknown. Neither have the doctors any clue to suggest why the disease is four times more common in men than in women.

But they do know that dicoumarin looks like going far to reduce its toll.

Dr Irving Wright, of America, has used the drug on 70 patients with acute or recurrent coronary thrombosis. He claims to have reduced the death rate by more than half.

Preventive

So five years ago doctors began to use dicoumarin—sparingly at first and only in cases where they thought a risk was justified.

It worked.

Gradually, as more and more successful preventions of thrombosis have been achieved its use has been extended.

It shall be understood also that there is no obligation on any other member of the Parliament of the Nest to leave at the same time; that it is lawful for them to leave at any time they think fit, singly, in pairs, or in groups, by any means available, on foot, by car, or in an ambulance, according to their condition.

6 That it shall be lawful to hold a party within the Nest itself, if provisions are available, and that any member of the Parliament of the Nest may invite to such a party any person who is not a convicted criminal, undischarged bankrupt, or imbecile; that it shall be lawful also for any member of the Parliament of the Nest, and for N. Gubbins, Esq., to leave the party in a courteous manner and retire to bed at any time he or she thinks fit, providing always that each member shall be responsible for his or her own guest and not retire to bed until the said guest has departed.

7 That it shall be unlawful to place a paper cap or any other humorous headgear within the meaning of the Bill on the head of N. Gubbins, Esq., without his consent.

8 That it shall be unlawful to expect the said N. Gubbins, Esq., to pull more than two crackers after dinner or to read more than two humorous verses or to guess, or to attempt to guess, the answers to more than two funny riddles.

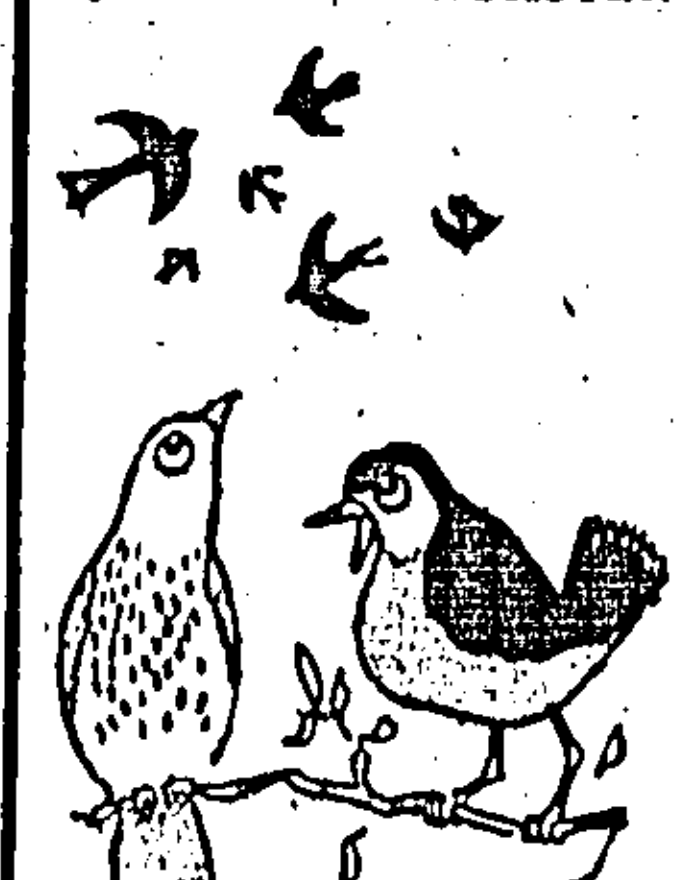
9 That it shall be unlawful to expect the said N. Gubbins, Esq., to play more than one game (each) of draughts, dominoes, halma, tiddly-winks, or snakes and ladders.

10 That it shall be unlawful to expect the said N. Gubbins, Esq., to tie small packages or decorations on any Christmas tree or trees; to fill and hang on a bedpost any stocking for any person over the age of 10 years; to hang, nail, or otherwise suspend any part of any evergreen shrub or parasite plant (i.e., holly or mistletoe) in any part of the said Nest or on any other place; to sing songs, tell funny stories, give recitations or imitations, or make speeches; to dress up as any character, including the fictitious character of Father Christmas.

11 It shall be understood that Christmas is over at 24.00 hours precisely on the twenty-fifth day of December in the year 1947 and each subsequent year. The day after, beginning at 24.01 hours on the twenty-sixth day of December, for any time between 24.00 hours on the 25th December and 24.01 hours on the 26th December, shall be known as Aspirin Day, when no festivities shall take place.

12 That this Bill shall have three readings in the Nest and when, and if, passed by a majority shall become law and known hereinafter as THE DEFENCE OF N. GUBBINS, ESQ. (AT CHRISTMAS TIME) ACT.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"The travel ban won't worry them. As soon as the leaves begin to fall, you'll find they're all fixed up to go south on important cultural missions for the British Council."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE row about the pronunciation of Eros is full of fun. The cream of the jest is that the statue was apparently never intended to represent Eros, but the sentimental public could not imagine anyone but the God of Love shooting an arrow across Piccadilly circus into the ground floor of Swan and Edgar.

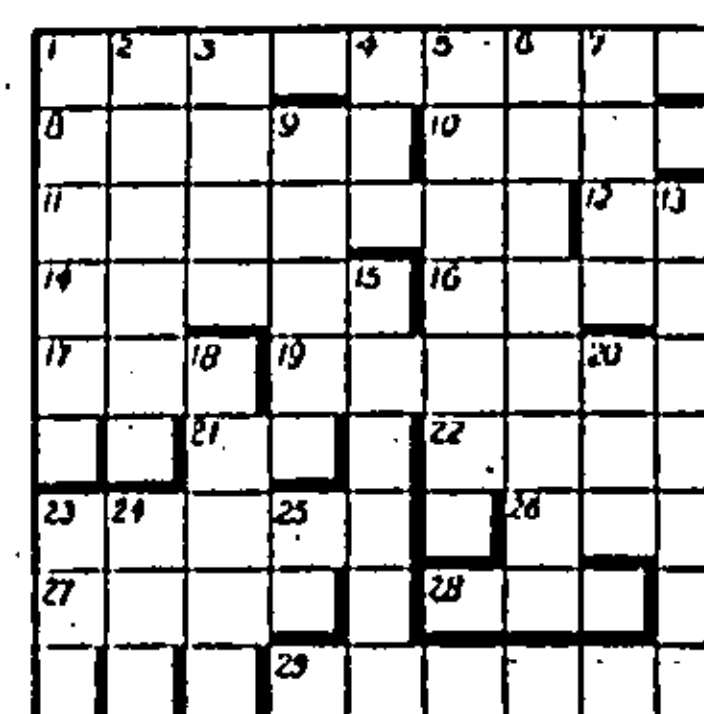
A second joke is that although this is the statue which Londoners are supposed to be particularly attached, nobody knows what it represents, and there was even a rumour that it had been put up facing the wrong way. If, of course, the arrow was aimed towards Leicester-square and the Charing Cross-road, the statue would obviously represent, not Love, but Theatrical Agencies.

'Tibetan Moonflower' (III.)
A CROSS the forefront of the summer residence of Ding-Poo walked Colonel Echam and Mr D. J. Mince, each carrying a neat black attaché case. "To get this deal settled," said Mince, "a lot will depend on her figure." Echam, whose mind was not on the negotiations, replied dreamily: "You won't find anything to complain of in her figure!" "I hope you're right," said Mince, "but we've had no hint yet. It was a good weatherman, I believe. That may make her tough with us." "A dark, wild rose," said Echam softly. "What?" snapped Mince, wondering if the sun had affected his chief. "Sorry," said Echam, "I was thinking of something else." Presently they came through a great marble entrance into a vast hall, and Mince began to picture the usual austere conference room: the big table, the pens, ink and paper, the chairs. And at the table, the usual delegates and secretaries. And this woman Ding-Poo—a fussy little business woman, he supposed. A girl in white looked like a golden nightgown conducted them across the hall to a large door. The door opened wide—and Mr D. J. Mince gasped.

Sh! His paucity were more eloquent even than his playing.

(Music critic)
THEN, if I were he, I would in future miss out the playing and give them only the pauses, like the centenarian violinist Badhat, who fell asleep as he was about to play "African Lullaby." The audience leaned forward to catch the inaudible sounds, and a critic wrote: "So softly did he play that one heard only silence."

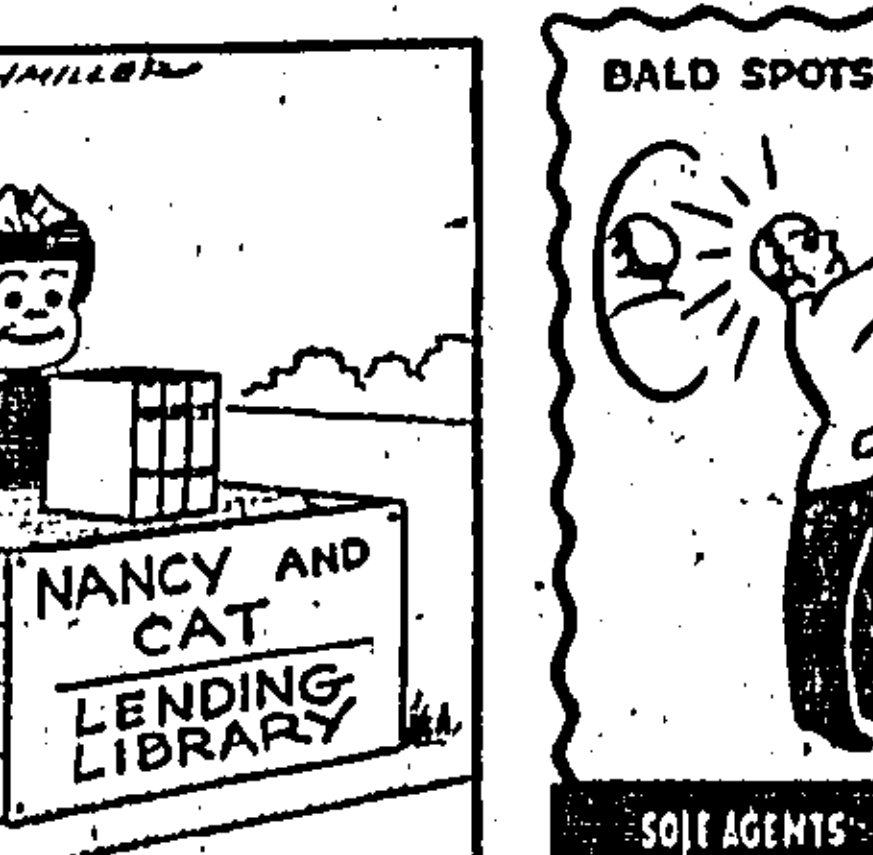
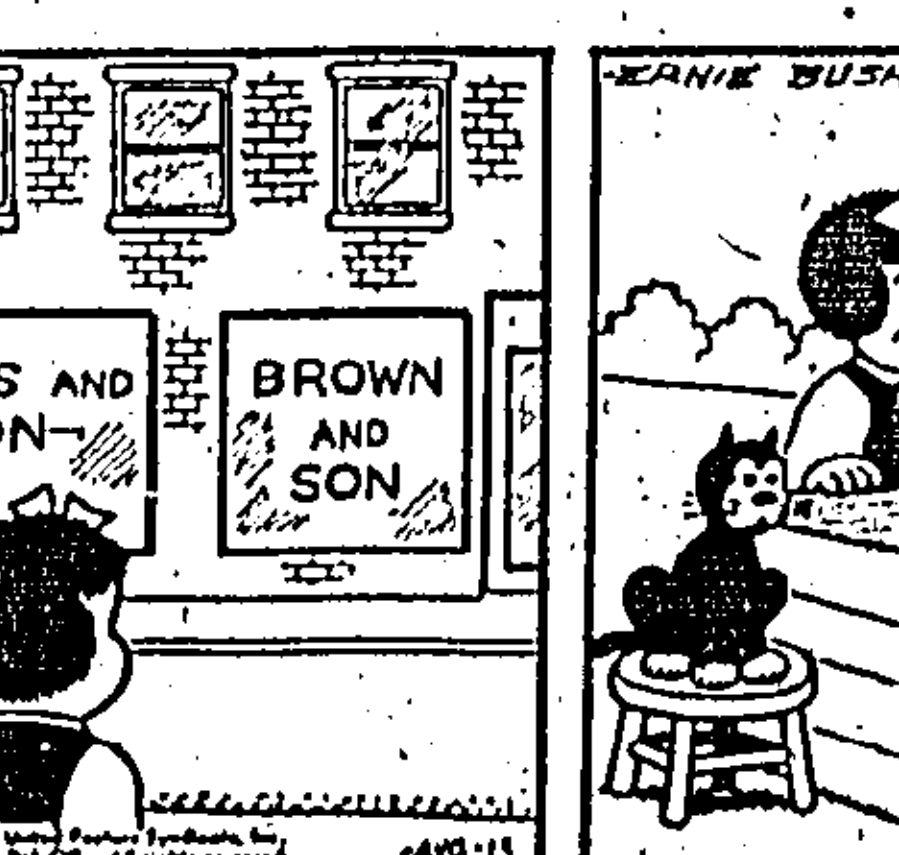
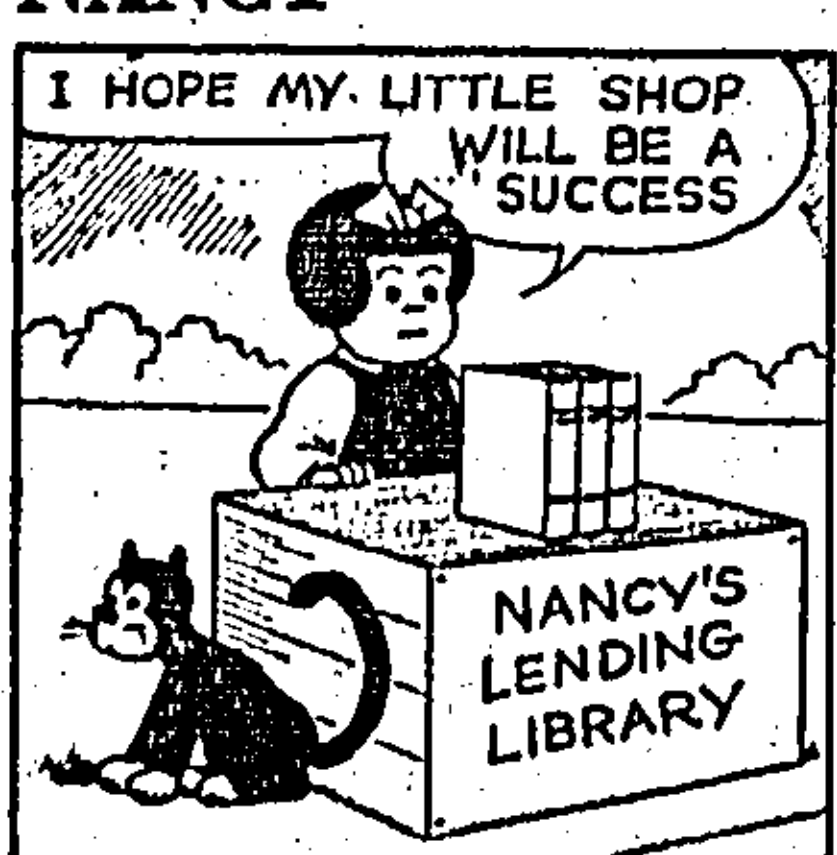
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Worked by water. (9)
2. Last for more than a year. (6)
3. Did he come from Troy? (4)
4. Corporeal. (7)
5. It takes two for the river. (2)
6. Melted the fish no doubt. (5)
7. Eagerness to possess. (6)
8. Does it push or pull? (3)
9. Surprising to get this from a lady. (4)
10. End of the play. (2)
11. It never walks. (4)
12. It proves Woodcock isn't the only one to take a good ham.

Down
1. It's an aromatic plant. (6)
2. The one who upsets money with a letter. (6)
3. She is married into a lady. (4)
4. Insect found in verdant surroundings. (3)
5. Unpleasant. (7)
6. It makes the cut in too. (8)
7. Fine. (4)
8. Taken from our ally in wartime. (6)
9. It has a different significance for the cramped and the old lady. (4)
10. The toe hit in this fashion. (6)
11. Entangled. (6)
12. It's featured in the municipal park. (3)
13. Lap to a great height. (3)
14. There's nothing here. (3)
15. This word is an entry. (2)
Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Philander. 2. Epoch. 3. Aisle. 4. Then. 5. Playful. 6. Tree. 7. Green. 8. R.I.A. 9. Push. 10. Alice. 11. Slave. 12. Ours. 13. The. 14. Bower. 15. Bumped. 16. Healthy. 17. Lie. 18. Church. 19. Broom. 20. Flaking. 21. Pairs. 22. Cane. 23. Fodder. 24. Salt. 25. Trick. 26. All. 27. Top. 28. Egg.

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I would take a hairbrush and a bottle of liquid shampoo. Think of the thrill of shampooing your hair in clear, fresh mountain water and even catching a painful of rain water! Brush your hair every night, and perhaps you won't have to take a shampoo if you are away only fifteen days.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is it true that one must wear a certain kind of shoes on a yacht?"—BOB.

Yes, it is correct to wear flat shoes. No high heels which "dig" into the finish of the deck. And, besides, they look out of place.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Are girls actually wearing the new two-piece swim suits this summer?"—MRS. M.

Yes, but not all of the girls have the figure for these suits. These very brief suits are only for the young and then only for those young ones who have perfect figures!

"Dear Lois Leeds—Will a suntan oil give me a nice tan?"—SUE.

It will if you are careful to choose a really good preparation and if you will never forget that you must re-apply the preparation at regular and frequent intervals.

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've been putting on dreamy, romantic records, but I'm afraid all he's going to do is burst out crying!"

Dickens Fellowship To Hold Festival

Many visitors from overseas are to join pilgrims from all parts of the United Kingdom who will be attending the Dickens Festival at Broadstairs, on the Southeast coast of England, which begins today and extends to the end of the week.

Charles Dickens and Broadstairs are as synonymous as Shakespeare and Stratford-on-Avon, for it was at Broadstairs that the famous novelist, between 1837 and 1851, wrote large portions of such famous novels as "Barnaby Rudge," "Pickwick Papers," "The Old

Curiosity Shop," "Nicholas Nickleby" and "David Copperfield."

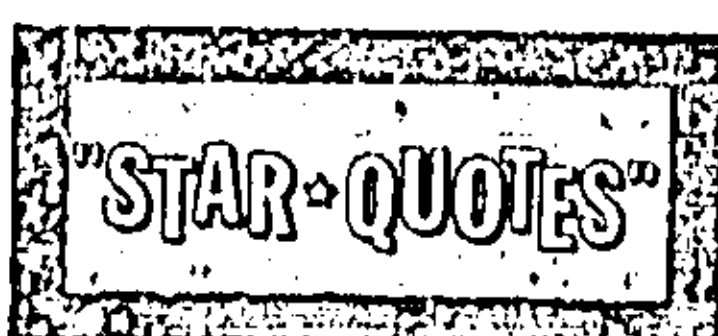
Festival plans include the presentation, by the Dickens Players, of a new stage version of "Nicholas Nickleby," written by Gladys Waterer and produced by Frank Douglas.

There will also be concert excursions to places of Dickensian interest in the locality, lectures on the life and works of Dickens, a concert of the English music and ballads which were popular in the lifetime of the novelist, and a Dickens Ball.

"Betsy Trotwood"

The Festival has been organised by Miss Dora I. Tatham, honorary secretary of the local branch of the Dickens Fellowship, who lives at Dickens House, on the seafront. This house was originally the home of a Miss Strong, prototype of one of the novelist's most striking female characters, Miss Betsy Trotwood of "David Copperfield."

The Dickens Fellowship—which, in addition to 34 branches in the United Kingdom, now has 20 branches in the United States, six in Canada, four in Australia and three in New Zealand—has recently been compiling a record of war damage in "Dickensland." This shows that while Betsy Trotwood's cottage survived the blitz at Broadstairs, many other buildings made famous in "David Copperfield" were demolished. These included the Royal Fountain Hotel and No. 61 Burgate Street, Canterbury, and Market Square, Dover.



DIANA LYNN

answers this question:

"What are the qualities you look for in a man?"



DIANA LYNN

humour, plus a generous dash of intelligence.

3. He should know that I like the little social graces. That means he should help me in and out of the car; he should order for me when dining out—that is, after discussing with me the choice of dishes.

4. He should be a good dancer, although I could also enjoy an evening at the movies.

5. He must be unaffected and possibly a good conversationalist.

6. He should be tall—for I am five feet five in my stockings. But he need not be particularly good-looking. It's the personality that counts.

Those are the "musts." As an additional hint I dislike men who are too loud. I admire people who are fond of fine music, and I'd enjoy the company of a man who loves long walks.

Movie Coming-of-age

This is what I have always felt about men, I believe, and I don't think I changed my opinion after playing in "Easy Come, Easy Go." That picture marked a milestone in my career at Paramount, because it is the film in which I came-of-age. For my role, that of Barry Fitzgerald's daughter, offered me my first grown-up love affair. The boys—yes, there were two of them—in the case, incidentally, were Sonny Tufts and Dick Foran.

Just which boy gets me in the film would be telling too much, if by any chance you haven't yet seen the picture. But, as it works out on the screen, he has most of the "must" qualifications I have enumerated for you.

(Tomorrow—Stirling Hayden)

Crown Jewels On View

It was recently announced by the Lord Chamberlain and the Minister of Works that the Crown Jewels were to be on view again to the public in the Jewel House at the Tower of London daily from October 20.

The Crown Jewels—the Regalia of Britain's monarchs—were removed for safety during World War II. They include seven crowns. The oldest one is known as Edward the Confessor's crown, and it consists of a circlet of gold adorned with roses of precious stones surrounded by diamonds.

Another crown is the Imperial State crown, made for Queen Victoria in 1838, which includes the famous Black Prince ruby, the Stuart Sapphire, the second largest portion of the Star of Africa diamond and many smaller jewels. Some of these have to be removed when each sovereign is crowned to fit the wearer's head.

There are crowns made for queens, monarch's consorts, and also the State Crown made for King George VI's mother, Queen Mary. This latter contains the world's most renowned diamond, the Koh-i-noor. Another crown is a non-jewelled one, worn by Princes of Wales.

Thirty-seven Beefeaters and a battalion of the Brigade of Guards guard the Crown Jewels, which always look very dazzling in their arrangement beneath glass cases.

NEW ORCADES WILL BE A FAMILY SHIP

The 30,000-ton Orient liner *Orcades*, largest passenger ship in the world to be built since the war, was launched at a British shipyard on October 14 by Lady Morshead, wife of Lieut.-General Sir Leslie James Morshead, the Sydney manager of the Orient Line.

The liner was built by Vickers-Armstrong at Barrow. She is the first of three liners to be launched from British shipyards.

The other two are a 28,000-ton ship building at Belfast for the South African service of the Union-Castle Line and the 30,000-ton *Coronia* being built at Clydebank for Cunard-White Star.

When she is ready the *Orcades* will sail between England and Australia.

The *Orcades* is to have special suites to encourage family travel. With the 30,000-ton P. and O. liner *Himalaya*, to be launched some time next year, the *Orcades* will cut several days off the run from Marseilles to Australia.

They will be the largest ships using the Suez Canal regularly.

The previous *Orcades*, 23,500 tons, was torpedoed in the South Atlantic in 1942.

MALAYA TO GROW HEMP

Malaya's Department of Agriculture will soon sponsor a programme of intensive cultivation and distribution of Manila hemp as a possible commercial alternative or complement to rubber.

The decision to start the programme follows encouraging reports from the Imperial Institute and two United Kingdom firms on samples of fibres from hemp grown at the Agricultural Department's experimental stations at Serdang and Fort Swettenham.

"Given care in preparation, there should be no difficulty in producing all varieties up to standard, in which case they should compare well with the Philippine fibre from Davao province," the report said.

As a result, the Agriculture Department plans to multiply existing stocks of Manila hemp and to distribute material to interested estates. The Department also will carry out research on production methods and costs.—Associated Press.

Rupert and the Three Guides—2



Rupert calls to the squirrels, but they are as much too great a hurry to answer and as soon as they touch the grass they scamper off toward the forest. Forgetting how hot it is, the little bear gets up and sets off after them at full speed. "There must be something exciting happening over there," he exclaims. "Horace, the hedgehog, pushes his head out from a gorse bush and hears him. 'If you find out what's the matter with the squirrels do come and tell me,' he calls. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Leading Out Trump Nets An Overtrick

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

♠ 2	♥ 3	♦ 10 8 5	♣ 9 8 6 5 4 3
♠ A 8	♥ A K 8 2	♦ K Q J 7	♣ 6 4
♠ None	♥ None	♦ None	♣ None
♠ K 5 4 3	♥ Q J 10	♦ None	♣ A K J 10 7 2
♠ South	♥ West	♦ North	♣ East
1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠
5 ♠	6 ♠	7 ♠	8 ♠
Opening—♥ Q			

WITH the war over, the American Contract Bridge League has returned to its original child welfare activity, the fight against cancer in children.

Recently Mrs. Fred Hirsch of New York sent in a check for \$100 from the National Mah Jong League, for the Children's Cancer Fund.

Mrs. Hirsch is becoming interested in duplicate bridge and competed for the first time not long ago at the Adirondack Tournament. Her husband, who was her partner, gave her full credit for today's hand, and I think you will agree that she deserves it.

Mrs. Hirsch (East) won the opening heart lead in dummy with the king. Now most players made the mistake of leading a diamond to their own hand in order to take the spade finesse; but South ruffed the ace of diamonds and led another heart, which North ruffed. A diamond came back and South got in another ruff.

Mrs. Hirsch saw that if she could avoid losing more than one spade and one heart trick, she could make her contract.

At trick two she led dummy's ace of spades, followed by another spade. South won this with the king and tried to cash the king of clubs; but Mrs. Hirsch ruffed, picked up the trumps and spread the hand for the balance of the tricks, making six-odd.

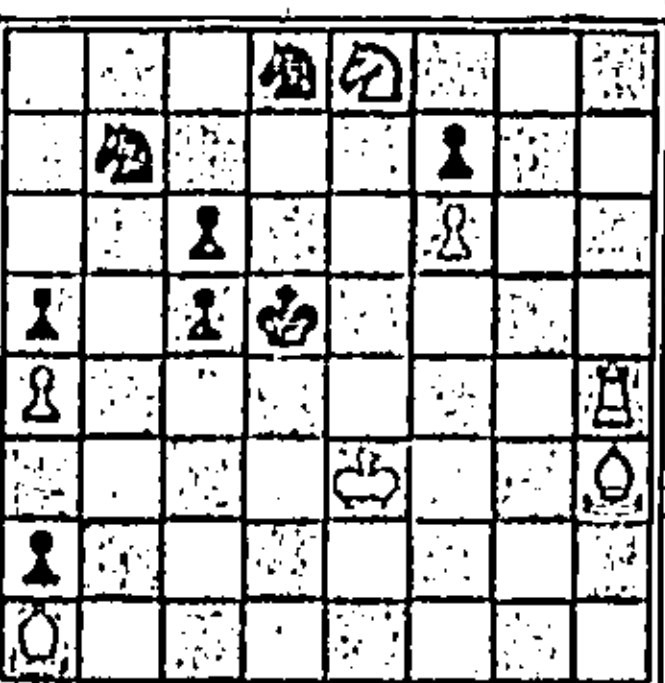
Check Your Knowledge

- Do camels have eyelashes?
- Name the animals that voluntarily gather in herds and go down to the sea and drown themselves.
- What is the ancient and still the poetic name for Ireland?
- Name the famous mountain in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro.
- In case of the death of both the President and the Vice-President of the United States who succeeds to the Presidency?

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. TAUBER
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
Write to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-R8, any; 2. Q-R, or Kt mates.

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